

Remarks/Arguments:

Summary of Changes Made

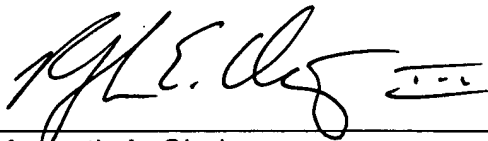
Claims 1-14 remain in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1-14 have been amended. Specifically, claims 1-10 have been rewritten as "method" claims rather than "use" claims. Claim 14 has been amended to depend from claim 11, which is a product claim, rather than claim 1, which is now a method claim. And, in all of the claims, the term "skeleton-forming" has been replaced with the term "scaffold-forming" because applicant regards the latter term to be a more accurate English language translation of the original German word "Gerüstbildner". No new matter has been added to the application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

RANKIN, HILL, PORTER & CLARK, L.L.P.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K.A. Clark", is written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth A. Clark
Reg. No. 32,119
Randolph E. Digges, III
Reg. No. 40,590

925 Euclid Avenue
Suite 700
Cleveland, Ohio 44115-1405
(216) 566-9700